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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6298
AMEMBASSY LAGOS PRIORITY

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DEPT AND LAGOS FOR MESSRS. ARNOLD AND TAFT.

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASIG, BEXP, SG
SUBJ: STATE-COMMERCE EVALUATION OF COMMERCIAL FUNCTION/
ARNOLD/TAFT VISIT TO SENEGAL

REF: STATE 194260, 185128, 180893; DAKAR 4861

1. EMBASSY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO VISIT BY STATE-COMMERCE TEAM EVALUATING COMMERCIAL FUNCTION. TEAMS'S ADVICE WILL BE VALUABLE AS EMBASSY PROCEEDS WITH RECRUTIMENT AND OTHER PREPARATIONS FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN SECOND DAKAR INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR, WHICH TAKES PLACE DEC. 3-12.

2. MESSRS. ARNOLD AND TAFT WILL BE MET AND ASSISTED ON ARRIVAL AUG. 31. EMBASSY HAS RECONFIRMED ONWARD RESERVATIONS ON LUFTHANSA 500, SEPT. 1. ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED AT HOTEL TERANGA FOR NIGHTS OF AUG. 30 AND 31.

3. IN VIEW SCHEDULED ARRIVAL AT 0100 AND DEPARTURE FOLLOWING MORNING AT 0450, EMBASSY ASSUMES TEAM WOULD PREFER TO KEEP DAKAR ACTIVITIES TO MODEST LEVEL. ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE PLANNING ONLY ONE EVENT INVOLVING PERSONS FROM OUTSIDE EMBASSY. CHARGE PLANS TO INVITE ALL RESIDENT AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN TO 12:00 MEETING AT HIS RESIDENCE FOLLOWED BY INFORMAL LUNCHEON. WE ARE INVITING REPRESENTATIVES OF CITIBANK, TEXACO, SEAGRAMS, NEMAS (CERAMICS FACTORY), PANAM, AND N-REN, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THESE REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE OUT OF TOWN DURING VISIT.
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TO LUNCHEON.

4. COMMERCE HAS ON HAND DAKAR A-44, WHICH FORWARDED UPDATED
LIST OF AMERICAN FIRMS REPRESENTED IN SENEGAL. FIRMS LISTED
ABOVE ARE ONLY COMPANIES WHICH HAVE RESIDENT AMCIT REPRESENTATIVES.

5. WE PROPOSE THAT TEAM MEET WITH ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL
OFFICER AT 11:00, WITH AFTERNOON AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS
AS DESIRED WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM.

6. PLEASE ADVISE IF FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS DESIRED.
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